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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Parapsychology at Stanford Research Institute (SRI)

1. The intent of this memorandum is to briefly describe the OTS - SRI parapsychology project including a listing of the American citizens tested.

2. In 1962 reports of paranormal activities being documented at SRI by Dr. H. Puthoff and Mr. R. Targ reached the Agency. The original contacts were [redacted] OTS/APB and [redacted] ORD/TC. A small work order type contract (approximately \$10,000) was initiated by [redacted] with the permission of Dr. S. Gottlieb, D/OTS. This contract arranged for SRI to administer controlled laboratory testing of Mr. Ingo Swann, a New York City artist, with claimed paranormal abilities. Mr. Swann was tested and produced significant data under controlled conditions. This data was sufficiently impressive to begin a one year contract to further investigate the potential of paranormal abilities.

3. During this one year contract (approximately \$50,000) [redacted] OTS/CB became the project officer. SRI continued to work with Mr. Swann and began working with Mr. Uri Geller. Also a third subject, Mr. P. Price was tested by SRI at the very end of this one year effort.

4. The results at this point justified an additional one year project with SRI (\$149,555). This project was jointly funded by ORD and OTS with [redacted] as the project officer. [redacted] ORD/LSD was the ORD liaison officer. This project included two major parts. The OTS portion was to test a series of operational analogues to determine the state-of-the-art at solving operational problems. The ORD portion was to determine the characteristics of a person with paranormal abilities and to attempt to explain the phenomena.

5. During the course of completing this latter contract, six subjects, subcontracted to SRI have received extensive medical and psychological testing as part of the attempt at identifying characteristics possessed by people with para-normal abilities. These medical and psychological tests are subcontracted to the Palo Alto Medical Clinic.

6. For the record, the six subjects (listed below) have willingly submitted to the tests (subjects know why they are being tested, although only Mr. Price is witting of CIA sponsorship).

Patrick H. Price  
Ingo Swann  
Duane S. Elgin  
Phyllis Cole  
Hella Hammid  
Marshall C. Peace

7. At the beginning of this project two of the above mentioned subjects, P. Price and H. Hammid were given the  test by OTS/BAB. This direct OTS testing of the subjects was terminated when it was decided the Palo Alto Clinic could provide all necessary data during the administration of their standard test battery.

8. There are no defined future plans in this project area.

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